

IV. Remarks and Conclusion

Claims 21-38 are presently pending. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The preliminary amendment was made to conform the Claims to US patent practice.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Claims are in a condition for allowance. In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334. Further, in the event any credits are due, please credit deposit account 02-2334.

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